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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to address you this letter on behalf of the Contact Group on Bosnia and Herzegovina of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), consisting of Egypt, Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal and Turkey.

More than three weeks have passed since His Excellency President Alija Izetbegovic signed on behalf of the Bosnian Government the agreement on interim arrangements and the provincial map, leaving the Bosnian Serbs as the only side remaining to accept the Vance-Owen peace plan.

During this period, the Bosnian Serbs revealed once again that they have no intention to sign the peace plan. On the contrary, the continued aggression, the intense shelling of Bosnian towns, the commission of outrageous massacres and the blatant violations of international humanitarian law are proof of their intentions to leave peace aside and to carry on with the abhorrent practice of "ethnic cleansing" in defiance of multitudes of calls from the Security Council and the international community.

Delaying the adoption of the draft resolution of the Security Council designed to strengthen sanctions on the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), is inconsistent with the expectations of the international community to pressure the Serbs to sign the peace plan in all its parts. In this regard, the Contact Group is requesting an urgent formal meeting of the Security Council, with an open debate, so that all non-members may voice their concern over this issue.

To further pursue this matter, the Contact Group of the OIC also intends to request the convening of an emergency session of the General Assembly.

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